

# SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**Joseph A. Curtatone**

**Mayor**

### Community Representatives

Brian C. Postlewaite, Chairman  
Charles Denison, Vice Chairman  
Steve DaSilva, Secretary  
Peter Coyle  
Jing Dai  
Jim Gallagher  
Enid Kumin  
Alan Moore  
Ron Newman  
Alex Epstein

### Ex-Officio

Open Position, Office of the Mayor  
Bob Trane, Board of Alderman  
Commissioner Stanley Koty, Department of Public Works  
Terry Smith, Traffic & Parking  
Kathleen Ziegenfuss, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development  
Chief Anthony Holloway, Police Department

MEETING MINUTES: Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 7:07 p.m., City Hall

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING: Brian, Charles, Enid, Alan

EX-OFFICIO ATTENDING: Kathleen Ziegenfuss

GUESTS ATTENDING: Lauren Clayton, Scott Clark

### PROCEDURAL BUSINESS:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Minutes: The Committee voted all in favor to approve the November 2009 meeting minutes, as amended.
3. Membership:
  - Alex Epstein Membership Request (Kathleen): The Board of Alderman has voted to accept Alex as a member of the Somerville Bicycle Committee. Alex has to be sworn in by the City Clerk.
  - Mayor's Representation: No Update.
  - Jing Dai has not been to a meeting or heard from in more than a year. Alan will send an email to her to confirm she no longer wants to be a member of the SBC.
  - Kathleen will look into the need for re-appointments for SBC members.
4. Budget: No Update.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. MAPC Bike Share Program: (Kathleen): Will be meeting with Boston, to find out the status of the bike share program there.
2. OSPCD Bike Plan: Would it be possible to get funding for a consultant to advise and work on this plan? Kathleen notes that the city is about to embark on a multimode transportation plan that would overlap with this plan. Alan will continue to work on the SBC plan.
3. Proposed Bike Lane Ordinance: Scott has not written the letter yet. Scott is curious how far reaching the suggested changes can and/or should be. Brian wants suggested changes to be only those necessary, in particular those that have

been aired in the previous letter, but also including obvious contradictions.

4. Bike Lane and Parking Enforcement (Alex): No Update.

5. Greenline Extension DEIR Comments:

- Alan has concerns about connections to/from/between the bike path, green line stations, nearby streets, nearby squares and attractions like city hall and the high school. He is not sure how specific the designs are and/or should be at this point. Concerns about bike racks/parking also about connections to city hall and the high school in particular.
- **Proposal:** General comment letter on DEIR (Alan). Comments about funding the path and about parking and connections. Alan will write the letter for the SBC. **Vote: All in favor.**
- Letter will be passed through Kathleen and OSPCD.

#### PROJECT UPDATES:

##### 1. Infrastructure:

- On Street Bike Parking (Charlie): **Proposal:** Two promising spots are in front of Diesel Cafe and in front of Bloc 11 Cafe. There are some concerns from the SBC that both cafes have the same owner. We should speak with store owners as well as other interested parties.
  - Suggestions from the committee regarding other potential locations for second bike parking facility, after Diesel Cafe, are other cafes, and bikes shops.
  - Brian thinks we might want to consider a “memo to the city from the bike committee” regarding this.
  - Possibility for MAPC reimbursement
  - **Vote: All in Favor**
- Road Paving Priorities (Alex): **Proposal:** Kathleen recommended the SBC consider starting a yearly report that would include paving priorities. There were limited suggestions on the paving priorities map. **Vote: All in Favor**
- Initiative Bike Facility Pilot (Charlie): **Proposal:** New contraflow lanes, bike lanes and bike boxes on Cedar and Mossland St.
  - Scott likes regular two way streets over contra flow. Charlie disagrees with Scott's comments about one-ways.
  - Need to know why these streets are one-way to begin with.
  - Lauren has concerns on “Advisory bike lanes” are potentially confusing and/or misused. Would like equality, but not preferential treatment. Charlie feels that any space for bikers is pushing towards equality, not preferential treatment.
  - **Vote: All in Favor**, Mossland rejected, but Summer and Cedar will go forward.
- **Proposal:** East-West Bike Route. **Vote: All in Favor**
- Bike Racks (Kathleen): 10 new bike racks on Central Hill, more to come.

#### ACTION ITEM SUMMARY:

Item #	Action Item	Responsible
14	To look into whether we need a replacement for Ex-Officio Mike Lambert, since he is not working in the Mayor's Office now - Brian will contact mayor's office, have not received a response	Brian
23	Break the OSPCD plan into 5 sections, and assign one of each to Alan, Ron, Brian, Charlie, and Steve D. - Update Aug. 2009 - Alan send out and gave assignments. All to now look at their assignments, and comment	Alan, Ron, Brian, Charlie, Steve D.
29	Take a fresh look at the proposed bike lane ordinance.	Scott and Alan
40	Look into the costs and options for a banner.	Steve D
43	Markup the Somerville by Bicycle map with a Mystic Ave bicycle facility proposal	Charlie
45	Look at possible on-street bike parking in Davis (Charlie) and Union (Steve)	Charlie and Steve D
46	Contact Parking and Traffic about enforcing parking close to curb for busy streets with bike lanes and sharrows.	Charlie
53	Create a list on paving priorities.	Alex
54	Create a list of sidewalk defects.	Lauren
55	Determine if Alan's Minuteman Connector letter should be forwarded to the Mayor depending on	Kathleen

	relevance.	
56	Check on the status of Temple St. and lower Broadway.	Kathleen
57	Do a curb to curb measurement of Temple St.	Steve
59	Create draft of 'Projects' page for SBC comments.	Steve
61	Look into the need for re-appointments for SBC members	Kathleen
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The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is 7:00 p.m., January 12, 2010 at City Hall.

Minutes recorded by Scott Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve DaSilva, Secretary, Somerville Bicycle Committee